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Tallahassee, Friday, October 6, 1905.

Sumter county has a county home for the poor, but it has no inmates.

Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, has purchased a winter home near Fort Lauderdale, on the east coast of Florida.

Volusia county "went dry" last week by a majority of over 400, while Putnam county "went wet" by a small majority—less than 60.

President Roosevelt will visit Jacksonville and St. Augustine October 21st, and elaborate preparations are in progress for his entertainment in both cities.

W. E. Edwards, in the Crawfordville Breeze, announces his candidacy for the Legislature for Wakulla county. As the election is more than two years distant, Mr. Edwards may justly be regarded as an "early bird"—or "worm."

"Billy" Lamar got two good newspaper notices about his \$100 contribution to the Pensacola cleaning-up fund instead of one. He got one on his telegram promising the check, and the other on his letter, transmitting it; but he made the two so far apart, in time, that some may imagine there were two checks instead of one. Hence this explanation.

Governor Vardeman, of Mississippi, recently wrote a letter to the Memphis office of the Equitable Life Assurance Society refusing to pay a premium on a policy. In this letter the governor said: "I shall not pay this premium, but rather think that I shall permit the policy to forfeit and become void. I do not care to contribute any more to the gayety of that crowd of robbers, thieves and marauders, who seem to infest the Equitable in New York."

Having been made governor from the ranks of the common people of Florida, Governor Broward was expected to make Florida one of the "best executives she has ever had." The True Democrat believes his intentions and purposes are good, but we fear that the influence of the Jennings-Croom-Dickinson-Hilson combination, whose advice, so often and freely given, has already done him much harm, and may yet drag him into other complications which he will live to regret. If he desires, earnestly, to retain his hold upon the confidence and affection of the Florida masses, he must cut loose from the Jennings aggregation and be what he really intended to be—the governor of the whole people.

Mr. Edward Fitzgerald, formerly editor of the Bartow Courier-Informant, who recently removed to Mississippi to engage in his profession, finding conditions there unsatisfactory, has returned to Florida and taken editorial charge of the News, at Arcadia. The True Democrat welcomes him back to the ranks of the craft in Florida, and expects from him some of the best editorial work he has ever done. He begins showing, where he stands in the following sharp comment upon the methods of the Comptroller: "The True Democrat, speaking of 'extravagant management' in clerical hire of the State departments, declares that in the office of the Comptroller the pay-roll now foots up to \$28,000 for assistance. Perhaps this increase is caused by the 'saving to the taxpayers' through the pruning of payment for publication of the delinquent tax lists. We should judge that to be the case on account of having received voluminous circulars and reports (on which, by the way, sufficient postage was not placed) explanatory of why the Comptroller declined to render full payment of a bill for publication of a tax list, although the work was done in good faith and according to copy furnished. The True Democrat may be able to inform a skeptical public whether other accounts passing through the Comptroller's office are treated with such 'fidelity and economy.'"

Cures Chills and Fever.

G. W. Wirt, Nacogdoches, Texas, says: "His daughter had chills and fever for three years; he could not find anything that would help her till he used Herbine. His wife will not keep house without it, and cannot say too much for it." 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

WHO DID IT?

A Florida newspaper recently alleged that Comptroller Croom had "saved the tax-payers about \$40,000 a year" by eliminating from the tax books land which had been sold to the State. This ignorance of the financial history of Florida is inexcusable. Here are the facts, from the official records:

The late and much lamented Wm. H. Reynolds was re-elected comptroller at the general election of 1900; he began his new term January 8, 1901; he died July 19, 1901, after serving more than six months of his new term.

In his official report for the year 1901, Comptroller Croom refers to the increased valuation of taxable property in the State "in the face of the fact that all of the property that was assessed on the rolls of 1900, upon which the State held tax certificates, has been eliminated from the tax books of 1901." And in the same report he declares that "the elimination of all lands from the tax books upon which the State held claims by reason of these certificates, will save a large sum in tax sales and advertisements." During the years from 1895 to 1900, the cost of tax sale advertising ranged from \$10,699 to \$20,454. During the years from 1901 to 1904, this item ranged from \$2,941 to \$9,995. The average annual cost for the first period named was \$15,060; the average annual cost for the last period named was \$5,173; the difference, representing the annual saving, was \$9,887—not "\$40,000 a year," as stated by the uninformed newspaper above quoted.

This saving of nearly \$10,000 a year was effected by Comptroller Reynolds, and the fact was indirectly certified by Comptroller Croom in his official report for the year 1902, where he says: "In the preparation of the assessment rolls for the years 1901 and 1902 the assessors were instructed to eliminate therefrom all of the State lands, including all lands sold to the State for unpaid taxes, that had not been redeemed or purchased prior to January first of each year."

Of course, Comptroller Croom, who succeeded Mr. Reynolds in office late in the year 1901, could have had nothing whatever to do with the preparation of the assessment rolls for that year, or the instruction of assessors in connection therewith; and it is highly probable that the instructions to assessors issued by Mr. Reynolds covered both years, or were issued by him, for the preparation of the assessment rolls of 1902, before his death.

It will be observed that nowhere does Comptroller Croom give his distinguished predecessor any credit for the change of financial policy of which he appears to be so proud, and the inference is reasonable that, by omitting such credit, he was willing that the public should attribute the credit to himself.

TEACHERS WANTED.

The School Superintendent of Duval County states that he is besieged with letters from superintendents of other counties, seeking teachers. Among them where there is a lack of good teacher, are the following:

County Superintendent G. F. Tucker, of Blountstown, Calhoun County, wants three male teachers at salaries ranging from \$50 to \$65 per month for an eight-months term, and also wants several ladies at from \$30 to \$35 per month. Superintendent Sears, of Kissimmee, Osceola County, wants four or five lady teachers in the schools of this county. Superintendent W. O. Geiger, of Green Cove Springs, Clay County, wants two or three lady teachers for rural schools. Superintendent W. S. M. Pinkham, of St. Augustine, St. Johns County, wants two or three first grade teachers. Superintendent J. C. Compton, of Leesburg, Lake County, wants several female teachers.

Mr. B. L. Porter, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Grand Ridge, Fla., wants one first grade or second grade teacher.

Mr. Charles F. Hopkins, of St. Augustine, wants one teacher for a school at Winter Park, to begin in November.

Editor Collins, of the Tallahassee True Democrat, says he has no fault to find with the present State administration. This is gratifying, though he may change his mind after he gets through with the Jennings reign, to which he is doing a "sufficiency."—Miami Metropolis.

As we have heretofore remarked, we hope never to have occasion to attack the present administration as we have been impelled to attack its predecessor; and we also hope that the publicity given to the performances of its predecessor will prevent it from following so vicious an example.

Frightful Suffering Relieved.

Suffering frightfully from the virulent poisons of undigested food, C. G. Grayson, of Lula, Miss., took Dr. King's New Life Pills, "with the result," he writes, "that I was cured." All stomach and bowel troubles give way to their tonic, laxative properties. 25c. at all drug stores.

BONDS FOR STATE PRINTING.

When I. B. Hilson became State printer two years ago, through the kind intervention of Governor Jennings ("W. S. J.") and his private secretary, there was no stipulation in the advertisement for bids that each bidder must deposit a certified check for \$12,500, to insure the giving of satisfactory bonds—that was a cunning invention of "W. S. J." or his Tallahassee representatives, to secure the State printing contract for the Jennings administration pet by preventing competition.

Indeed, so complete was the Hilson pull, two years ago, that no bond at all was required of him, and he went through the greater part of the term of his contract without any bond whatever, and, when one was given, late in December, 1904, it was not for \$35,000, as required under the present contract, but for \$4,000 only, although the volume of business to be transacted by the State printer was then as large as, if not larger than, it will be during the coming two years—the State printer's friends having taken excellent care to throw in his way an unusual quantity of costly public work.

During this same period, while Hilson was enjoying, without bond, the richest sort of feeding at the public crib, worthy, afflicted John Trice, who had secured a little contract for printing three or four volumes of Supreme Court reports, was harried almost into his grave by "the powers that be" for a bond to guarantee the performance of the work he had undertaken, and his contract was recently transferred to Hilson—otherwise the Capital Publishing [Printing] Company, and is still unfinished.

The Jennings administration favorite having, by means of a "certified check" trick, secured the new contract at rates enormously greater than those bid by the competitors who were shut out by the trick, is still a favored creature of fortune, for the first day of October has passed, and he has not given the bonds required by the stipulations of the new contract. Under ordinary circumstances such a failure would work a complete forfeiture of bid and contract, and doubtless such would have been the result to any other than this favorite of official fortune; but the Board of State Institutions, recognizing, perhaps, the potency of the Hilson pull, has graciously given him thirty days more within which to secure a guarantee company bond, as he could not, between the day when the contract was awarded—August 1st—and the 1st day of October—two full months—succeed in securing a personal bond "W. S. J." is at the head of the guaranty department of the big million-dollar trust company in Jacksonville, and can—and doubtless will—accommodate him. We shall see.

The proposition that no individual can successfully defraud the State without the collusive aid of some other individual, who is "on the inside," can be abundantly exemplified by an examination of vouchers for the payment of money on file in the archives of the State government. Do these official documents show, in every instance, that warrants drawn upon the treasury during the Jennings regime represented the true value of the service performed and paid for?—True Democrat.

Now, if these things are true at Tallahassee, why don't the Democrat call names—tell who they are? In plain language, who is it "on the inside" that is doing, and has done, all these bad things?—Lake City Index.

If the editor of the Index really desires information, and will go with us to the capitol, we can show him vouchers for public printing done and charged for and paid for at the "special" rate of \$10, for which the contract for public printing fixes the rate at \$1! Will that satisfy him? And then, Uncle Thomas is not looking for facts against wrongdoing in many instances around the Capitol. He possesses knowledge of things that happened around there that the public will know nothing of if he has to tell it; and he knows a plenty, too.

The Tallahassee True Democrat is hinting at, and proposes to establish the fact, that there has been existing for several years, considerable rottenness connected with the letting of contracts for the State printing. —DeLand Record.

The editor of our esteemed contemporary must be a very careless reader if he has not discovered the fact that we do not deal in hints—especially in the matter of the State printing.

The Best Doctor.

Rev. B. C. Horton, Sulphur Springs, Tex., writes, July 19, 1902: "I have used in my family Ballard's Snow Liniment and Horehound Syrup, and they have proved certainly satisfactory. The liniment is the best we have ever used for headache and pains. The cough syrup has been our doctor for the last eight years." For sale by all druggists.

See Collins for Neat Job Printing.

WHY HE DID IT.

Editor Jeff Davis, of the Live Oak Crescent, demands to know all about the State's Internal Improvement Fund and why it was that Governor Broward vetoed the bill to turn the fund into the State's treasury.—Punta Gorda Herald.

In his message vetoing this act Governor Broward recites the provisions of the act of Congress known as the swamp and overflow land act, approved September 28, 1850, and the act of the Florida Legislature "to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements," etc., known as the internal improvement law, and creating the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. He then says:

This law has been in force more than fifty years, and the Trustees are granted, under this law, the full power, possession, control, and are vested with the responsibility of the moneys that may be in the fund, from time to time, which is not subject to legislative will or direction. And believing, as I do, that the acquiescence in or the admission that the Legislature had the power to direct or control what disposition the Trustees should make of the moneys that may be in their hands, from time to time, for the proper discharge of their powers and duties in the management of the lands and moneys of the fund for the purposes and trusts which have not been discharged, would establish a precedent that would lead to confusion in the determination of the powers and duties of the Trustees, I, therefore, file these, my objections, to the bill under consideration becoming a law, and deem it my duty to withhold my signature therefrom.

Another bill, "to require the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to deliver to the State Auditor all bank records, vouchers and accounts belonging to the said Internal Improvement Fund, and to require the State Auditor to check and audit the same and report thereon," was also vetoed by Governor Broward, in the following language:

I am opposed to this bill for the reason that it seeks to limit the investigation of the accounts and actions of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; it is desirable that the investigation shall not be so limited.

The questions arising under these proceedings are far-reaching and vital. We invite to their consideration the best efforts of our readers, lay and professional, to the solution of the several problems involved.

There exists no doubt that many thoughtful citizens of the State desire a complete and thorough investigation of the acts of their servants, the Trustees, and the contention—invented by Governor Jennings and apparently adopted by Governor Broward—that this department of the State government is exempt from accounting for its acts, and "not subject to legislative control," manifestly transgresses some of the plainest and most firmly established principles known to our system of jurisprudence.

Sick Headache Cured.

Sick headache is caused by derangement of the stomach, and by indigestion. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets correct these disorders and effect a cure. By taking these tablets as soon as the first indication of the disease appears, the attack may be ward off. For sale by all druggists.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

A nice 2 horse-power Gasoline Engine for sale cheap; also a good second-hand Bath Tub. Apply at True Democrat office.

Fine Horses.

Mr. J. D. Cay has just gotten in a fine lot of stock. See him before you purchase.

REMOVING THE CAPITAL.

Some of our newspaper friends are troubling themselves quite needlessly about the failure of Tallahassee to "donate" a site for a governor's mansion, and one or two have gone so far as to threaten another capital removal "issue," based upon the failure. For example, the Marianna Times-Courier says:

It is taking Tallahassee a long time to get up a site for the governor's mansion, which was provided for by the last Legislature. Weopine that if a capital removal contest was on there would be something doing.

The Miami Metropolis (which, by the way, had apparently accepted our recent exposition of the subject as conclusive) holds forth as follows:

The Lake City Citizen-Reporter endorses the assertion of the Metropolis that there must be something radically wrong to cause such a delay in selecting a site for the governor's mansion in Tallahassee, and appends this statement: That, should the capital removal question come up again, Columbia county would cast her vote for removal. The Reporter does not say where to, but the Metropolis quite agrees with it that a move of the capital to some other place is one of the greatest needs in the State.

Then comes the Live Oak Democrat and pokes fun at both of the last-named papers, thus:

The Lake City Citizen-Reporter and Miami Metropolis are mildly agitating for a removal of the State capital from Tallahassee. No life can be pumped into such an issue now, even though Tallahassee refuses to donate the site for the governor's mansion. But at some time in the future it is by no means impossible that the people of Florida will be so strongly impressed by the superior advantages and ideal location of Live Oak for State capital purposes that they will insist on a change as suggested by our two contemporaries. Until then it will not be of much use to agitate the capital removal question.

Bark away, Tray, Blanche and Sweetheart! You seem to enjoy it, and it doesn't hurt Tallahassee. When, after a red-hot and needlessly bitter campaign, the people of the entire State, voting on the question, decided to permanently fix the site of the capital at Tallahassee, and the Legislature voted funds for the enlargement of the capitol building, and Governor Jennings had his own great name emblazoned on its walls in no less than five different places, Tallahassee felt that it could afford to enjoy a long respite from the wolf-like attacks of capital removers big and little.

An Awful Cough Cured.

"Two years ago our little girl had a touch of pneumonia, which left her with an awful cough. She had spells of coughing, just like one with the whooping cough, and some thought she would not get well at all. We got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which acted like a charm. She stopped coughing and got stout and fat," writes Mrs. Ora Bussard, Brubaker, Ill. This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

Lost!

On the St. Augustine road or in Tallahassee on September 15th, a pair of old-style Cuff Buttons, top set with jet and pearls in centre. Liberal reward for one or either, if left at Clark's jewelry store or this office. 31-4t.

Wonder if the murmurings of the Tallahassee True Democrat, about graft on the part of public officials, is making anybody "tremble in their boots?"—Marianna Times-Courier.

Certainly. The trembling can be seen with the naked eye.

TO DELICATE WOMEN

You will never get well and strong, bright, happy, hearty and free from pain, until you build up your constitution with a nerve refreshing, blood-making tonic, like

Wine of Cardui

It Makes Pale Cheeks Pink

It is a pure, harmless, medicinal tonic, made from vegetable ingredients, which relieve female pain and distress, such as headache, backache, bowel ache, dizziness, chills, scanty or profuse menstruation, dragging down pains, etc.

It is a building, strength-making medicine for women, the only medicine that is certain to do you good. Try it.

Sold by every druggist in \$1.00 bottles.

WRITE US A LETTER

freely and frankly, in strictest confidence, telling us all your symptoms and troubles. We will send free advice (in plain sealed envelope), how to cure them. Address: Ladies' Advisory Dept., The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

"YOU ARE FRIENDS"

of mine," writes Mrs. F. L. Jones, of Gallatin, Tenn.: "For since taking Cardui I have gained 35 lbs., and am in better health than for the past 9 years. I tell my husband that Cardui is worth its weight in gold to all suffering ladies."